Victorian payroll jobs up 0.4 per cent across fortnight

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Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia, Week ending 19 September 2020

Payroll jobs rose by 0.4 per cent in Victoria over the fortnight to 19 September, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today. Over the same period payroll jobs increased 0.3 per cent nationally.

Bjorn Jarvis, head of Labour Statistics at the ABS, said: “Nationally, payroll jobs remain around 4.1 per cent lower than mid-March; 8.0 per cent lower in Victoria and 2.7 per cent lower in the rest of Australia.”

“Over the month to 19 September, payroll jobs fell by 0.5 per cent in Victoria and by 0.1 per cent in the rest of Australia. Across other states and territories, changes in payroll jobs ranged from a 0.6 per cent increase in South Australia to a 1.2 per cent decrease in the Australian Capital Territory over the month to 19 September."

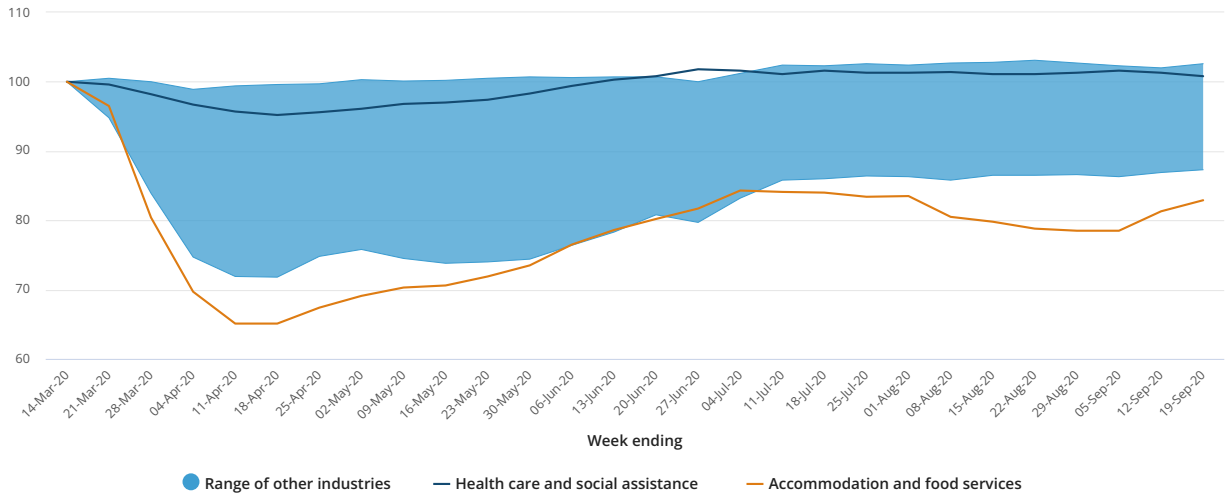
“Across industries, the largest rises in payroll jobs over the month to 19 September were in Accommodation and food services and Education and training (5.2 per cent and 2.4 per cent respectively)."

“Accommodation and food services remain one of the most impacted industries across the COVID-19 period, but experienced the strongest growth amongst all industries over the fortnight to 19 September of 5.5 per cent.”

Health care and social assistance has the largest proportion of reported payroll jobs and is one of four industries that experienced growth by 19 September compared to mid-March, increasing 0.8 per cent. The other three industries with payroll jobs growth from mid-March are: Financial and insurance services (up 2.3 per cent); Electricity, gas, water and waste

services (up 2.4 per cent); and Public administration and safety (up 2.7 per cent).

Payroll jobs by selected industries, indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020



Further information is available in [Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia (https://abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-5-september-2020)](https://abs.gov.au/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-5-september-2020) .

The ABS acknowledges the continued support from the Australian Taxation Office in enabling the ABS to produce the statistics providing weekly insights into the Australian labour market.

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- This release includes information on payroll jobs paid through Single Touch Payroll enabled software to the Australian Taxation Office.
- In each release, as more complete data are received, payroll jobs and wages estimates (including percentage change movement and indexes) are revised.

- While the ABS accounts for employees being paid with different frequencies, there are points in the year when additional reporting activity is more likely to occur, which may flow through to published estimates.
- Estimates of Payroll Jobs by industry subdivision through to the week ending 19 September will be added to this release on Thursday 8 October 2020.
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